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Applicant: LIFUN LIN, PETER B. HARRIS AND RICHARD E. DURKOT  
Title: ZINC ELECTRODE PARTICLE FORMPrior U.S. application no: 08/905,254  
Filing Date: August 1, 1997

The prior application was complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or was a national stage of an international application filed in compliance with 35 USC §371.

This request for a CPA is the reference to the prior application noted above as required by 35 USC §120. Kindly abandon the prior application in favor of the continued proceedings that are requested herein.

The prior application is assigned of record to Duracell Inc., a Delaware corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office for recording on January 26, 1998 at 8921/0224.

This request includes 2 sheets.

## Enclosures:

- Preliminary amendment, 6 pages.
- Copy of Form 1449 submitted on April 29, 1999 to be initiated by Examiner.
- Postcard.

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The entire disclosure of the prior application is part of this application and is incorporated by reference.

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Total claims in excess of 20 times \$18	\$144
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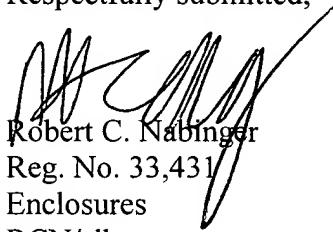
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